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NJDOC ESCAPEE CAPTURED IN NORTH CAROLINA

Trenton- The New Jersey Department of Corrections announces the recapture of inmate Eric Wallace, who was apprehended today in North Carolina. Wallace and inmate Andre Snyder walked away from an inmate highway detail operating on Route 295 near Mt. Laurel on June 13, 2000. Snyder was apprehended in Camden within two hours of his departure.

Through a joint investigation of the Department of Corrections Special Investigations Fugitive Unit, the United States Marshals Service Central Jersey Task Force and the New Jersey State Police Fugitive Unit, inmate Wallace was tracked to the address of 110 Sandy Lane, Roanoke Rapids, North Carolina. On June 29, at the request of the Department of Corrections, the U.S. Marshals Service implemented surveillance of the property. At approximately 12 a.m. today Marshals entered the home and arrested Wallace without incident. The inmate is being held at the Halifax County Jail while NJDOC arranges for transport to New Jersey.

"The joint effort put forth since this inmate's departure from custody has proven that individuals under our jurisdiction are never beyond our reach," said NJDOC Commissioner Jack Terhune. "I commend our own Special Investigations Division and the various state and federal agencies that aided in his recapture."

Eric Wallace, 24, is serving a seven year sentence for aggravated assault, incarcerated at Garden State Youth Correctional Facility in Yardville. Upon his return he will be charged with escape, which carries a 3 to 5 year sentence.

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The mission of the New Jersey Department of Corrections is to ensure that all persons committed to the state correctional institutions are confined with the level of custody necessary to protect the public and are provided with the care, discipline, training and treatment needed to prepare them for reintegration into the community.

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